



# DAILY INFORMATION BULLETIN

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WATER RESTRICTIONS CUT CONSUMPTION  
BUT RESERVOIR STORAGE LEVELS STILL FALLING  
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THE P.W.D.'S DIRECTOR OF WATER SUPPLIES, MR. WILLIAM TUCKER, SAID TODAY THAT THE FIRST STAGE OF THE +SAVE WATER DRIVE+ APPEARED TO HAVE ACHIEVED ITS AIM OF A TEN PER CENT SAVING IN CONSUMPTION.

AVERAGE DAILY CONSUMPTION SINCE THE NIGHT-TIME WATER RESTRICTIONS WERE IMPOSED ON JUNE 1 HAD BEEN 240 MILLION GALLONS, AGAINST AN ANTICIPATED JUNE CONSUMPTION FIGURE OF 270 MILLION GALLONS A DAY.

BUT MR. TUCKER ISSUED A STRONG WARNING AGAINST UNDUE OPTIMISM AS A RESULT OF THESE INITIAL SAVINGS, AND URGED THE PUBLIC TO MAINTAIN THEIR EFFORTS TO CONSERVE WATER.

ADDRESSING A LUNCHEON MEETING OF THE ROTARY CLUB OF HONG KONG, HE SAID THAT AT THIS TIME IN A NORMAL YEAR, STORAGE IN THE RESERVOIRS WAS STEADILY INCREASING -- THIS TIME LAST YEAR THEY HELD 53,254 MILLION GALLONS.

BUT THIS YEAR'S LEVELS HAD BEEN FALLING EVER SINCE LAST SUMMER, AND WERE STILL FALLING. TODAY'S TOTAL STORAGE WAS ONLY 30,426 MILLION GALLONS.

AND HE POINTED OUT THAT IT WAS THE NORMAL PATTERN FOR DAILY CONSUMPTION TO BE LOWER IN THE FIRST HALF OF A MONTH THAN IN THE LATTER HALF.

MR. TUCKER SAID THE WATER SUPPLIES DEPARTMENT WOULD BE REVIEWING THE WATER SITUATION DURING NEXT WEEK, AND THE FOLLOWING WEEK WOULD MAKE A RECOMMENDATION TO THE GOVERNMENT ON WHETHER OR NOT THERE WAS A NEED TO MAKE ANY CHANGES TO THE CURRENT EIGHT-HOUR RESTRICTIONS.

HE SAID THAT DECISIONS ON LEVELS OF WATER RESTRICTIONS DEPENDED VERY MUCH ON THE AMOUNT OF RAINFALL YIELD EXPECTED AT THE TIME= RESERVOIR STORAGE LEVELS= AND THE RATE OF WATER CONSUMPTION.

RESTRICTIONS WERE THEN MADE IN KEEPING WITH THE LEVEL OF SUPPLY WHICH COULD SAFELY BE MAINTAINED WITHOUT THE RISK OF HAVING TO IMPOSE HARSH RESTRICTIONS THROUGHOUT THE WINTER MONTHS.

+CONTRARY TO BELIEF IN SOME QUARTERS, WE DO TRY TO KEEP AHEAD OF THE GAME BY DOING OUR SUMS AND MAKING ALLOWANCE FOR THE ANTICIPATED WET SEASON YIELDS,+ HE SAID.

MR. TUCKER SAID THE DISTRIBUTION OF RAINFALL ADDED A FURTHER ELEMENT OF UNCERTAINTY IN THE WATER SUPPLIES DEPARTMENT'S CALCULATIONS.

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+IF IT IS DISTRIBUTED IN PROPORTION TO THE MONTHLY AVERAGES, THERE WOULD NORMALLY BE A GRADUAL INCREASE IN STORAGE THROUGHOUT THE SUMMER, SO THAT DECISIONS COULD BE MADE PROGRESSIVELY IN THE LIGHT OF GAINS IN THE RESERVOIRS.

+IF, HOWEVER, THE RAINFALL DISTRIBUTION WERE TO BE UNFAVOURABLE, AS AT PRESENT, WITH LITTLE RAIN IN THE INITIAL PERIOD OF THE WET SEASON, THE SITUATION WOULD DETERIORATE MORE RAPIDLY AND -- DEPENDING ON THE AMOUNT OF YIELD FROM THE RAINFALL -- EARLIER IMPOSITION OF RESTRICTIONS MIGHT BE NECESSARY,+ HE SAID.

MR. TUCKER SAID IT MIGHT SEEM PARADOXICAL THAT RESTRICTIONS WERE NECESSARY WHEN RAINFALL RECORDED IN MAY AT THE ROYAL OBSERVATORY INDICATED THAT APPARENTLY ENOUGH HAD FALLEN TO STAVE OFF RESTRICTIONS. BUT IN FACT THE OBSERVATORY RECORDS IN MAY HAD NOT BEEN REPRESENTATIVE OF THE RAINFALL OVER THE WATER GATHERING GROUNDS, AS CLEARLY ILLUSTRATED BY EXISTING STORAGE LEVELS.

+AS A RESULT OF THE UNEQUAL DISTRIBUTION WE FOUND OURSELVES IN THE DISAPPOINTING SITUATION OF COLLECTING A YIELD OF ONLY 1,900 MILLION GALLONS DURING THE MONTH OF MAY -- A SUBSTANTIAL AMOUNT BELOW THE FIGURE OF 3,000 TO 4,000 WHICH I HAD INDICATED PREVIOUSLY WOULD BE NECESSARY BEFORE THE END OF MAY IF RESTRICTIONS WERE TO BE AVOIDED,+ HE SAID.

+THIS POOR YIELD WAS DUE, IN PART, TO THE EXTREMELY DRY GROUND CONDITIONS -- THE EARLY RAINS DOING NO MORE THAN PROVIDING PLANT MOISTURE AND RESTORING THE DEFICIT IN GROUND WATER LEVELS.+

MR. TUCKER SAID THE QUANTITY OF WATER IN STORAGE AT THE BEGINNING OF THE WET SEASON NEED NOT BE AS GREAT AS THAT AT THE BEGINNING OF THE DRY SEASON, IF STORAGE IN SUCCESSIVE MONTHS THROUGHOUT THE SUMMER PROGRESSIVELY INCREASED TO COPE WITH BOTH THE SUMMER DEMAND AND TO BUILD UP ADEQUATE RESERVES TO SEE US THROUGH THE WINTER. BUT THIS HAD NOT BEEN THE CASE THIS SUMMER.

+WE ARE THEREFORE CAUGHT BETWEEN TWO STOOLS. ON THE ONE HAND, WE HAVE KNOWLEDGE OF THE RAIN THAT HAS ALREADY FALLEN AND ITS CONTRIBUTION TO STORAGE, AND ON THE OTHER WE HAVE SEASONAL FORECAST OF RAINFALL, THE DISTRIBUTION OF WHICH CANNOT BE ASSESSED WITH ANY DEGREE OF ACCURACY,+ HE SAID.

IN ASSESSING THE FUTURE DEMAND, THE WATER SUPPLIES DEPARTMENT SIMULATED A SERIES OF SITUATIONS OF VARYING RAINFALL AND ITS ASSOCIATED YIELD, STARTING FROM THE BASE POINT OF THE KNOWN STORAGE AND OTHER FIXED INPUTS SUCH AS CONTRIBUTION FROM THE DESALTER AND WATER FROM CHINA.

THE RAINFALL FIGURES USED WERE GENERATED FROM THE 90 YEARS OF RECORDED RAINFALL AT THE ROYAL OBSERVATORY.

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+WITH THESE GENERATED RAINFALL FIGURES, AND BY ADOPTING VARIOUS LEVELS OF DEMAND, WE ESTIMATE THE DIFFERENT DEGREES OF RISK OF RESTRICTION AND THE PROBABILITY OF NOT BEING ABLE TO MEET MINIMUM SUPPLY LEVELS.

+HENCE WE HAVE A TOOL WHICH IS BASED SUBSTANTIALLY ON HISTORICAL INFORMATION AND ENABLES US TO MAKE A JUDGEMENT RELATED TO THE RISKS INVOLVED,+ HE SAID.

+IN ALL THESE DELIBERATIONS WE HAVE TO TAKE INTO ACCOUNT NOT ONLY THE RESERVES WE MUST HAVE TO SEE US THROUGH THE WINTER SEASON, BUT ALSO THE AMOUNT OF WATER REQUIRED IN STORAGE AT THE BEGINNING OF THE NEXT WET SEASON, TO ENABLE US TO MAINTAIN A MINIMUM SUPPLY IN THE EVENT OF THE FOLLOWING SUMMER BEING A DRY ONE.

+WHAT WE ARE DOING BY THE IMPOSITION OF RESTRICTIONS, THEREFORE, IS TAKING REASONABLE PRECAUTIONS TO SAFEGUARD OUR FUTURE POSITION, IN THE LIGHT OF CURRENT FACTS AND HISTORICAL PROBABILITIES,+ SAID MR. TUCKER.

+THE AVAILABILITY OF A HIGH QUALITY OF WATER SUPPLY IS FREQUENTLY TAKEN FOR GRANTED,+ HE ADDED, +BUT IT DOES REQUIRE THE CONTINUOUS EFFORTS OF A MULTI-DISCIPLINED ORGANISATION -- AND EVEN MORE SO DURING PERIODS OF RESTRICTED SUPPLY SUCH AS WE ARE EXPERIENCING.+

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ANNUAL LEAVE BILL COMES UP FOR DEBATE IN LEGCO  
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DEBATE ON THE EMPLOYMENT (AMENDMENT) (NO. 3) BILL 1977, WHICH PROPOSES SEVEN DAYS CONSECUTIVE ANNUAL LEAVE WITH PAY FOR WORKERS, WILL RESUME TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY) IN THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

SEVEN UNOFFICIALS ARE SCHEDULED TO SPEAK ON THE BILL.

DURING QUESTION TIME, THE UNOFFICIALS WILL ASK A TOTAL OF 15 QUESTIONS. THESE INCLUDE QUESTIONS ON THE PROGRESS OF REMEDIAL WORKS ON DANGEROUS SLOPES, THE ENROLMENT AND NUMBER OF CLOSE-DOWN OF KINDERGARTEN AND NURSERY CLASSES, PROVISION OF WELFARE SERVICES IN TEMPORARY HOUSING AREAS, AND THE PROBABILITY OF A GREEN PAPER ON POLLUTION CONTROL AND ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT.

THERE WILL ALSO BE QUESTIONS ON THE EXPECTED TIME OF INVITATION FOR PARTICIPATION IN THE HOME OWNERSHIP SCHEME, GOVERNMENT CONTROL OVER PRIVATELY-OPERATED MEDICAL LABORATORIES, ADDITIONAL HOLIDAY CAMPS AND GAZETTED BEACHES IN THE NEXT FIVE YEARS, AND THE AMOUNT OF GOVERNMENT QUARTERS AND OFFICES IN LEASED AND GOVERNMENT-OWNED PREMISES.

TEN BILLS WILL BE INTRODUCED FOR FIRST AND SECOND READINGS, INCLUDING THE EMPLOYMENT (AMENDMENT) (NO. 4) BILL WHICH AIMS TO GIVE BETTER WAGE PROTECTION TO CONSTRUCTION WORKERS.

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PRECAUTIONS AGAINST TROPICAL CYCLONES AND HEAVY RAINSTORMS

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THE DIRECTOR OF ROYAL OBSERVATORY, MR. GORDON BELL, SAID TODAY THAT IT IS TIME NOW TO TAKE SOME PRELIMINARY PRECAUTIONS TO ENSURE THAT WE ARE READY TO MINIMIZE THE DANGERS AND FINANCIAL LOSSES CAUSED BY HIGH WINDS, LANDSLIPS AND FLOODING DUE TO TROPICAL CYCLONES AND RAINSTORMS.

+COMMUNITY PREPAREDNESS IS THE KEYNOTE FOR MINIMIZING THE DAMAGE TO PROPERTY, INJURIES AND LOSS OF LIFE WHICH CAN RESULT FROM THESE STORMS,+ HE ADDED.

THOSE WHO HAVE SPECIAL RESPONSIBILITIES DURING STORMS SHOULD ENSURE THAT THEIR INSTRUCTIONS INCLUDING RELEVANT TELEPHONE NUMBERS, ARE UP-TO-DATE.

GUTTERS AND DRAINS SHOULD BE CLEARED AND CHECKED FOR DAMAGE. BOLTS, LOCKS AND SHUTTERS OF ALL WINDOWS AND DOORS SHOULD BE CHECKED AND, IF NECESSARY, REPAIRED. OWNERS OF SMALL CRAFT SHOULD ENSURE THAT THEIR MOORINGS ARE IN GOOD CONDITION.

CIVIL ENGINEERS, ARCHITECTS AND CONTRACTORS ARE REMINDED THAT THEY SHOULD ENSURE THAT SITE WORKS ARE PROTECTED AGAINST DAMAGE FROM HEAVY RAIN.

ON THE HOISTING OF A NUMBER 8 TROPICAL CYCLONE WARNING SIGNAL OR DURING PERIODS OF PROLONGED HEAVY RAIN, MR. BELL SAID, TEMPORARY REFUGE CENTRES WOULD BE OPENED FOR THOSE WHO WISHED TO LEAVE THEIR HOMES TEMPORARILY FOR SAFETY REASONS.

+ANYONE IN ANY DOUBT AS TO WHERE TO GO SHOULD CONTACT THE NEAREST CITY DISTRICT OFFICE OR POLICE STATION,+ HE ADDED.

CARDS EXPLAINING THE TROPICAL CYCLONE WARNING SERVICE AND THE THUNDERSTORM AND HEAVY RAIN WARNING SERVICE ARE AVAILABLE FREE OF CHARGE AT THE ROYAL OBSERVATORY AND THE GOVERNMENT INFORMATION SERVICES DEPARTMENT.

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ANOTHER CONTRACT FOR TUEN MUN RECLAMATION SIGNED

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THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT IS TO BEGIN WORK ON FURTHER LARGE SCALE RECLAMATION AND LAND FORMATION IN TUEN MUN NEW TOWN TO PROVIDE 77 HECTARES OF RESIDENTIAL AND INDUSTRIAL LAND FOR SOME 110,000 PEOPLE - NEARLY ONE-QUARTER OF THE NEW TOWN'S EVENTUAL POPULATION.

THE PROJECT, ESTIMATED TO COST \$77 MILLION, IS THE FIRST OF A SERIES OF MAJOR WORKS TO BE UNDERTAKEN UNDER THE SECOND HALF OF THE MASSIVE \$3,500 MILLION DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME PLANNED TO TRANSFORM TUEN MUN INTO A MODERN METROPOLIS FOR HALF A MILLION PEOPLE.

THE CONTRACT FOR THE RECLAMATION AND LAND FORMATION WORKS, THE BIGGEST ENGINEERING CONTRACT SO FAR IN THE NEW TOWN, HAS BEEN AWARDED TO GAMMON (HONG KONG) LTD. AND WAS OFFICIALLY SIGNED IN THE P.W.D. HEADQUARTERS TODAY.

MR. NICKY CHAN, THE P.W.D.'S PROJECT MANAGER OF TUEN MUN NEW TOWN, SAID TODAY WORK ON THE HUGE PROJECT WILL START LATER THIS MONTH AND TAKE APPROXIMATELY 27 MONTHS TO COMPLETE.

+IT WILL INVOLVE RECLAIMING 42.6 HECTARES OF LAND FROM THE SEA EAST OF PAK KOK AND IN THE SOUTH-WESTERN PART OF CASTLE PEAK, AS WELL AS FORMATION OF 34.7 HECTARES IN VARIOUS HILL AREAS IN THE NEW TOWN, TOGETHER WITH ROADS AND DRAINAGE,+ HE SAID.

OF THE LAND TO BE RECLAIMED P.W.D. PLANNERS HAVE SET ASIDE NEARLY 20 HECTARES FOR PUBLIC HOUSING PROJECTS CATERING FOR 50,000 PEOPLE AND ANOTHER 20 HECTARES OR SO FOR INDUSTRY. THE REST OF THE RECLAIMED LAND WILL BE RESERVED FOR OPEN SPACES, RECREATIONAL AND OTHER USES.

GIVING AN IDEA OF THE SCALE OF THE PROJECT, MR. CHAN SAID SOME FIVE MILLION CUBIC METRES OF FILL MATERIAL WOULD BE REQUIRED FOR THE RECLAMATION.

NEARLY ONE MILLION CUBIC METRES OF THIS VOLUME, HE SAID, WOULD BE MARINE SAND WHICH WOULD BE DREDGED FROM TUNG CHUNG BAY NORTH OF LANTAU, AND ANOTHER ONE MILLION CUBIC METRES OF LAND FILL WOULD COME FROM BORROW AREAS AT SO KWUN WAT.

OTHER FILL MATERIAL WOULD BE EXCAVATED FROM VARIOUS DEVELOPMENT AREAS IN THE NEW TOWN WHERE TERRACED SITES WOULD BE FORMED FOR HOUSING AND INDUSTRY.

MR. CHAN SAID ONE OF THE TERRACED SITES WOULD PROVIDE A FURTHER 22.6 HECTARES OF LAND FOR A PUBLIC HOUSING PROJECT FOR 50,000 PEOPLE AND ANOTHER WOULD PROVIDE 3.8 HECTARES FOR PRIVATE HOUSING DEVELOPMENT, WHILE SOME 8.3 HECTARES OF INDUSTRIAL SITES WOULD BE FORMED IN TWO OTHER AREAS.

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+IN ORDER TO ENABLE THE GOVERNMENT HOUSING PROGRAMME TO PROCEED AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE, THE RECLAMATION AND LAND FORMATION WORKS HAVE BEEN PROGRAMMED IN SUCH A WAY THAT NEW LAND FOR PUBLIC HOUSING WILL BE FORMED FIRST WITH THE REST OF THE LAND BEING FORMED FOLLOWING CLOSELY THEREAFTER,+ HE SAID.

TWO EXTENSIVE SEAWALLS WILL ALSO BE BUILT TO PROTECT THE RECLAIMED LAND ALONG THE SOUTH AND EAST SIDES OF THE RECLAMATION.

ALONG THE SEAWALLS WILL BE ACCOMMODATED SLIPWAY AREAS FOR BOAT-YARDS, TIMBER YARDS AND CARGO HANDLING FACILITIES.

REVIEWING THE CURRENT PROGRESS OF THE NEW TOWN DEVELOPMENT, MR. CHAN SAID ALREADY 93 HECTARES OF LAND HAD BEEN FORMED AND SERVICED FOR VARIOUS DEVELOPMENTS, WITH A FURTHER 72 HECTARES OF LAND BEING RECLAIMED IN THE CENTRAL PART OF CASTLE PEAK BAY.

+ON THE LAND NOW BEING FORMED BY RECLAMATION,+ HE SAID, +WILL BE BUILT TWO LARGE PUBLIC HOUSING ESTATES TO PROVIDE HOMES FOR SOME 86,000 MORE PEOPLE AND WORK ON THE FIRST PHASE TO HOUSE 27,000 PEOPLE IS SCHEDULED TO START IN OCTOBER THIS YEAR.

+ANOTHER IMPORTANT FEATURE ON THE RECLAMATION WILL BE A LARGE TOWN CENTRE, THE FOCUS OF THE NEW TOWN'S BUSINESS, SOCIAL AND CULTURAL ACTIVITIES.

+THIS WILL CONSIST OF COMMERCIAL AND RESIDENTIAL BUILDINGS WITH SHOPS, BANKS, RESTAURANTS AND OFFICES FRONTING A CENTRAL PEDESTRIAN PODIUM, AND A SERIES OF PUBLIC BUILDINGS HOUSING AN AUDITORIUM, ART GALLERY, LIBRARY, STUDY CENTRE, EXHIBITION AND MEETING HALLS AND A MAGISTRACY.+

PROMINENT AMONG THE MANY OTHER P.W.D. PROJECTS CURRENTLY UNDERWAY, HE SAID, WERE THE \$300 MILLION TUEN MUN ROAD WHICH WOULD CUT TRAVELLING TIME BETWEEN TUEN MUN AND TSUEN WAN TO 15 MINUTES WHEN IT OPENS EARLY NEXT YEAR, AND THE TAI HING ESTATE - ONE OF THE +NEW GENERATION+ PUBLIC HOUSING ESTATES BEING BUILT BY THE P.W.D.'S ARCHITECTURAL OFFICE.

HE SAID THE FIRST PHASE OF TAI HING ESTATE SHOULD BE COMPLETED VERY SOON AND THE FIRST OF ITS 24,000 TENANTS WERE EXPECTED TO MOVE IN NEXT MONTH.

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EMPLOYERS REMINDED OF WORKERS STATUTORY HOLIDAYS  
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THE COMMISSIONER FOR LABOUR, MR. PETER WILLIAMS, TODAY REMINDED EMPLOYERS THAT THE TUEN NG (DRAGON BOAT) FESTIVAL, WHICH THIS YEAR FALLS ON TUESDAY (JUNE 21) IS ONE OF THE TEN STATUTORY HOLIDAYS UNDER THE EMPLOYMENT ORDINANCE.

MR. WILLIAMS EMPHASISED THAT THE PROVISIONS OF THE EMPLOYMENT ORDINANCE APPLY NOT ONLY TO INDUSTRIAL EMPLOYEES BUT ALSO TO EMPLOYEES IN THE ENTIRE COMMERCIAL SECTOR, INCLUDING THE SERVICES AND CATERING TRADES.

UNDER THE ORDINANCE, ALL MANUAL EMPLOYEES WITHOUT DISTINCTION AND INCLUDING DOMESTIC SERVANTS, IRRESPECTIVE OF THEIR EARNINGS AND ALL NON-MANUAL EMPLOYEES EARNING NOT MORE THAN \$2,000 A MONTH, ARE ENTITLED TO THE HOLIDAY.

THEY MUST ALSO BE PAID FOR THE DAY OFF IF THEY HAVE WORKED CONTINUOUSLY FOR THEIR EMPLOYERS FOR THREE MONTHS IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING THE STATUTORY HOLIDAY.

IF THE EMPLOYER REQUIRES AN EMPLOYEE TO WORK ON A STATUTORY HOLIDAY, HE MUST GIVE HIM AT LEAST 48 HOURS NOTICE, AND HE MUST GIVE HIS EMPLOYEE AN ALTERNATIVE HOLIDAY WITHIN 60 DAYS OF THE STATUTORY HOLIDAY.

IF THE EMPLOYER INTENDS TO GIVE HIS EMPLOYEE AN ALTERNATIVE HOLIDAY BEFORE THE STATUTORY HOLIDAY, HE MUST NOTIFY HIM 48 HOURS IN ADVANCE OF THAT ALTERNATIVE HOLIDAY. AND IF AN ALTERNATIVE HOLIDAY IS TO BE GIVEN AFTER THE STATUTORY HOLIDAY, THE EMPLOYER MUST INFORM HIS EMPLOYEE OF THE ARRANGEMENT AT LEAST 48 HOURS BEFORE THE STATUTORY HOLIDAY.

COMPLAINTS OR ENQUIRIES ABOUT STATUTORY HOLIDAYS MAY BE MADE TO THE NEAREST BRANCH OFFICE OF THE LABOUR RELATIONS SERVICE. THE TELEPHONE NUMBERS ARE: FOR KOWLOON EAST 3-205638= KOWLOON WEST 3-201652= KWUN TONG 3-898520= TSUEN WAN 12-422096= YUEN LONG 12-760261 EXT. 82= AND HONG KONG ISLAND 5-282523 EXT. 60.

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PHOTO-ENGRAVING FOR HK CERTIFICATE OF IDENTITY  
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PHOTO-ENGRAVING OF HONG KONG CERTIFICATE OF IDENTITY MAY BE APPLIED LATER THIS YEAR TO DETER FORGERY.

THIS WAS REVEALED TODAY BY MR. CHOU KAM-HON, PRINCIPAL IMMIGRATION OFFICER, AT A LUNCHEON MEETING OF THE LIONS CLUB OF LION ROCK, WHEN HE SPOKE ABOUT THE PROBLEMS OF FORGED PASSPORTS.

HONG KONG WOULD BE THE FIRST IN THE WORLD TO USE THIS LATEST INVENTION WHEN THE EQUIPMENT ARRIVE IN OCTOBER.

BUT PHOTO-ENGRAVING -- A METHOD WHEREBY PHOTOGRAPHS OF THE ORIGINAL HOLDERS OF THE TRAVEL DOCUMENTS REPRODUCED BY THE MACHINE CANNOT BE REPLACED - WOULD PRIMARILY BE APPLIED TO THE HONG KONG CERTIFICATE OF IDENTITY FOR FURTHER OBSERVATION, MR. CHOU EXPLAINED.

+HOWEVER, THE PROBLEM OF FORGED PASSPORTS ARE UNLIKELY TO BE ERADICATED BY THE INTRODUCTION OF PHOTO-ENGRAVING,+ MR. CHOU WARNED.

+AT PRESENT THERE ARE TENS OF THOUSANDS OF PASSPORTS AND C.I.S BEING IN USE AND THE GENUINENESS OF ANY ONE OF THEM MAY EASILY BE NULLIFIED BY SUBSTITUTION OF PHOTOGRAPHS.+

FORGED PASSPORTS HAD A NUMBER OF EFFECTS ON HONG KONG RESIDENTS, MR. CHOU SAID, AND ONE OF THEM WAS THAT LOCAL RESIDENTS GOING ABROAD ON BUSINESS OR PLEASURE TRIPS WERE NOW INEVITABLY SUBJECT TO AN IMMIGRATION EXAMINATION WHICH HAD NEVER BEEN MORE RIGOROUS AND ACCORDINGLY, INCONVENIENCES ARE CAUSED.

MR. CHOU THEN GAVE THE FOLLOWING ADVICE TO LOCAL RESIDENTS:

- \* KEEP YOUR PASSPORTS OR C.I.S IN SAFE CUSTODY TO PREVENT THEM FROM FALLING INTO THE HANDS OF LAW-BREAKERS=
- \* DO NOT SELL YOUR TRAVEL DOCUMENTS OUT OF GREEDINESS FOR PROFITS, BECAUSE THIS IS AN OFFENCE AGAINST THE LAW. MOREOVER, IF THE BUYER VIOLATES THE LAW IN A FOREIGN COUNTRY, THE CRIMINAL RECORD WILL BE MADE IN YOUR NAME INSTEAD OF HIS=
- \* DO NOT SEEK ENTRY TO ANY FOREIGN COUNTRY ON FORGED PASSPORTS BECAUSE, AFTER ALL, COUNTERFEIT DOCUMENTS ARE SUSCEPTIBLE TO DETECTION= AND
- \* REPORT PASSPORT FORGERS TO THE AUTHORITIES AS A CITIZEN SHOULD.

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JAPANESE INDUSTRIALISTS VISIT TUEN MUN

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THE GOVERNMENT WILL MAKE AVAILABLE 12 HECTARES OF LAND FOR INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN TUEN MUN NEW TOWN OVER THE NEXT FOUR YEARS, A GROUP OF 15 JAPANESE INDUSTRIALISTS WERE TOLD DURING THEIR INSPECTION TOUR OF THE INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENTS OF THE NEW TOWN THIS AFTERNOON.

THE GROUP, CURRENTLY ON A THREE-DAY VISIT IN HONG KONG, WAS ACCOMPANIED ON THE TOUR OF THE NEW TOWN BY MR. RONALD CROSS, ESTATE SURVEYOR OF THE TUEN MUN DISTRICT OFFICE, AND MR. ARTHUR CHAN, CHIEF TOWN PLANNING OFFICER OF THE P.W.D.'S TUEN MUN DEVELOPMENT OFFICE.

THEY TOLD THE VISITORS THAT INDUSTRIAL LAND WOULD BE PRODUCED STEADILY IN TUEN MUN TO KEEP IN STEP WITH THE GROWING POPULATION'S NEED FOR EMPLOYMENT.

AT PRESENT, THEY SAID, THERE ARE ALREADY 13 FACTORIES, AND A FURTHER 20 ARE BEING BUILT AND WILL BE OPERATIONAL LATER THIS YEAR OR EARLY NEXT YEAR.

THEY EXPLAINED THAT A MAJOR GOAL IN THE PLANNING FOR THE NEW TOWN HAD BEEN TO ENCOURAGE THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A FULL RANGE OF INDUSTRIES, WITH EMPHASIS ON THE MANUFACTURING SECTOR.

TO ACHIEVE THIS, SOME 126 HECTARES OF LAND HAD BEEN RESERVED FOR LIGHT INDUSTRIAL USE.

THE VISITING GROUP, HEADED BY MR. K. OHASHI, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE JAPAN OVERSEAS ENTERPRISE ASSOCIATION, ALSO HAD A PANORAMIC VIEW FROM A VANTAGE POINT OF AREAS OF LAND BEING DEVELOPED FOR INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT.

MEANWHILE, THE SECRETARY FOR HOUSING, MR. A.J. SCOTT, TODAY WENT ON A DAY-LONG FAMILIARISATION TOUR OF THE NEW TERRITORIES.

ACCOMPANIED BY THE DEPUTY SECRETARY FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES (DEVELOPMENT), MR. JOHN TODD, HE SAW DEVELOPMENTS OF THE THREE NEW TOWNS OF SHA TIN, TUEN MUN AND TSUEN WAN, AND THE MARKET TOWN OF TAI PO.

PRIOR TO THE VISIT, MR. SCOTT HAD DISCUSSIONS WITH THE SECRETARY FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES, MR. DAVID AKERS-JONES, ON THE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME OF THE NEW TERRITORIES, WITH PARTICULAR REFERENCE TO PUBLIC HOUSING.

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FULL-SCALE EMPLOYMENT SURVEY IN WHOLESALE  
AND RETAIL TRADES, RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS  
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THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT IS CONDUCTING A FULL-SCALE EMPLOYMENT SURVEY WHICH COVERS ALL WHOLESALE (INCLUDING IMPORT/EXPORT) AND RETAIL ESTABLISHMENTS, RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS.

THIS ENQUIRY WILL GIVE DETAILED INFORMATION ON EMPLOYMENT LEVELS AND TRENDS IN THESE TRADES, AND PROVIDE AN UP-TO-DATE AND COMPREHENSIVE DIRECTORY WHICH WILL BE THE BASIS FOR SUBSEQUENT SAMPLE SURVEYS.

SURVEY CARDS HAVE BEEN SENT TO SOME 67,000 ESTABLISHMENTS SEEKING INFORMATION ON THE NUMBER OF PERSONS ENGAGED AND VACANCIES AS AT JUNE 15, 1977.

MANAGEMENTS ARE REQUESTED TO COMPLETE AND RETURN THE SURVEY CARDS TO THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT NOT LATER THAN JUNE 22, 1977 USING THE POSTAGE-PAID ENVELOPES PROVIDED.

CONCURRENT WITH THIS FULL-SCALE SURVEY FOR WHOLESALE AND RETAIL TRADES, RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS, EMPLOYMENT ENQUIRIES ARE ALSO BEING MADE OF SOME 16,000 SELECTED INDUSTRIAL ESTABLISHMENTS AND 19,000 ESTABLISHMENTS IN A VARIETY OF OTHER TRADES AND SERVICES.

THE COMMISSIONER FOR CENSUS AND STATISTICS HAS APPEALED TO MANagements FOR THEIR CO-OPERATION TO RETURN SURVEY CARDS PROMPTLY SO AS TO ENABLE SURVEY RESULTS TO BE RELEASED EARLY.

HE EMPHASISED THAT INFORMATION RELATING TO INDIVIDUAL ESTABLISHMENTS WOULD BE TREATED IN STRICT CONFIDENCE AND WOULD BE USED SOLELY FOR COMPILING STATISTICAL TABLES.

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EYE DOTTING OF DRAGON BOATS BY SENIOR GOVT OFFICIALS  
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NOTE TO EDITORS:

THE SECRETARY FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES, MR. DAVID AKERS-JONES, WILL BE AMONG THREE GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS TO OFFICIATE AT AN EYE-DOTTING CEREMONY OF THREE NEW DRAGON BOATS IN TAI PO ON THURSDAY (JUNE 16).

THE CEREMONY WILL TAKE PLACE AT 10 A.M. AT THE TAI WONG YEH SHRINE AT YUEN CHAU TSAI.

THE TWO OTHER GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS TO OFFICIATE AT THE CEREMONY WILL BE MR. E.H. NICHOLS, DIRECTOR OF AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES, AND MR. CLIVE OXLEY, TAI PO DISTRICT OFFICER.

YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO COVER THE CEREMONY. PRESS TRANSPORT WILL BE PROVIDED. A GOVERNMENT VAN, AM 2088, WILL LEAVE THE CAR SUB-POOL BEHIND THE TSIM SHA TSUI POST OFFICE AT 9 A.M. TO TAKE PRESS REPRESENTATIVES TO AND FROM TAI PO.

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54 DISABLED PLACED TO WORK IN MAY  
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FIFTY-FOUR DISABLED PEOPLE WERE PLACED TO WORK BY THE JOB PLACEMENT UNIT OF THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT LAST MONTH.

AMONG THE DISABLED EMPLOYED, 19 WERE CRIPPLED, 16 DEAF, SIX BLIND, FIVE MENTALLY RETARDED AND EIGHT EX-MENTAL PATIENTS.

SIXTEEN OF THEM WERE EMPLOYED AS ASSEMBLERS IN ELECTRONIC FACTORIES AND NINE AS GENERAL WORKERS. THE OTHERS WERE ENGAGED IN A WIDE RANGE OF TRADES SUCH AS PACKERS, TELEPHONE OPERATORS, IRONING WORKERS AND MACHINE SEWING WORKERS.

WITH REGARD TO THEIR SALARY, 34 WERE EMPLOYED ON DAILY RATE RANGING FROM \$14 TO \$28, WHILE TWO WERE PAID ON PIECE-RATE BASIS.

THE SALARY OF THE OTHERS AVERAGED \$570 A MONTH.

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